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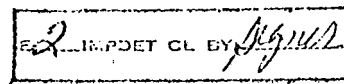
1. (Unclassified - GLC) ADMINISTRATIVE Called Bud McFarlane, NSC staff, and alerted him to the letter from Chairman Jonathan Bingham, Subcommittee on International Trade and Commerce, House International Relations Committee, requesting a briefing on the intelligence community role on export licensing and advanced technology. He said he could see a "potential for mischief" in this. He said he would bring this to the attention of General Brent Scowcroft, White House, and get back in touch with me.

2. (Unclassified - DFM) HEARINGS Attended the second day of hearings before the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration on S. Res. 400. Although six witnesses were scheduled, the Committee spent the entire session questioning Senator Frank Church (D., Idaho). (See Memorandum for the Record.)

3. (Unclassified - DFM) LEGISLATION I spoke with David Bushong, on the staff of Senator James Pearson (R., Kans.), just before the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration hearings began. Bushong has been handling this issue for the Senator and drafted S. 2983, Senator Pearson's oversight proposal. We discussed the Agency's sources and methods proposal, and Bushong said he thought Senator Pearson would be willing to introduce a slightly watered-down version if Senator John Tower (R., Tex.) or Senator John Stennis (D., Miss.) decided against it. He asked that we keep him informed of Senate or Executive branch action on the bill.

4. (Unclassified - DFM) ADMINISTRATIVE - DELIVERIES. Delivered to the office of Representative Larry McDonald (D., Ga.) for [] a copy of the Soviet Agricultural Atlas. [] had also requested an atlas of Southeast Asia, but one is no longer available.

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9. [] BRIEFING I took a call from John Isaacs, on the staff of Representative Stephen J. Solarz (R., N. Y.), who wanted to change the hour of the briefing to 2:00 p.m. on 2 April. The hour was reset and [] OCI, was advised.

10. [] BRIEFING In response to his request, I informed Brian Atwood, on the staff of Senator Thomas F. Eagleton (D., Mo.), that we could brief him on Spain at the Agency at 4:00 p.m. that same day. I later accompanied Mr. Atwood to [] OCI, where Atwood was briefed []

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11. [] LIAISON After checking with [] OCI, I called Hal Rosenthal, on the staff of Senator Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.), and answered his questions regarding USSR oil supply and the wheat supply in Africa.

12. [] BRIEFING I spoke with Victor Johnson, on the staff of the Subcommittee on International Trade and Commerce, House International Relations Committee, and told him we were still working on the Subcommittee's request for a witness at the Subcommittee hearing on export licensing. I told him I would get to him as soon as we had finalized the details. The hearing is now scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on 8 April.

13. [] LIAISON I spoke with [] DIA, and told him we would probably provide a witness for the hearing of the Subcommittee on International Trade and Commerce, House International Relations Committee, and that we would be back in touch. He stated that [] would be their main witness. [] OCI, was advised of this conversation.

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14. [] LIAISON After checking with [] IC Staff, regarding the follow-up of the Mayaguez Post Mortem, I called John Matheni, National Security Council, and suggested that they might want to show the document to the staff of the Subcommittee on International Political and Military Affairs, House International Relations Committee, since it shows how problems raised in the Post Mortem have been remedied and would fill out the picture for the Subcommittee staff. He thought it would be a good idea and would like to get a copy to review. [] will give us a copy for forwarding to Mr. Matheni, at the White House Situation Room.

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15. [] LLM) LIAISON John Watson, GAO, called on a Comptroller General report on the Mayaguez incident being prepared for the Subcommittee on International Political & Military Affairs, House International Relations Committee, and said that a staff member of the National Security Council had suggested that it be made available to the Agency for review in the interest of assuring the comprehensiveness of the report. Watson is sending the report to us on the condition that we are not required to make an input and no mention will be made of this review by the Agency if we decided not to make any comment. The report will be reviewed by [] IC Staff, and [] NIO Staff.

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16. [] BRIEFING Met with Mike McCloud, Staff Director, and Harlan Strauss, on the staff of the House Republican Conference, and reviewed arrangements for the Director's appearance on 6 April. It was agreed that Chairman John Anderson (R., Ill.) will, in his opening remarks, indicate that the discussion is to be limited to substantive intelligence information and will not include any operational information. Since there is no way to anticipate whether questions asked will require a classified response, McCloud said that he would prefer that no staff members of the House Republican Conference participate since none of them hold security clearances. Strauss said he would have a tally clerk listing of those members who did attend the session and would provide us a copy of that document. They also raised the possibility of conducting similar sessions periodically. I recommended that we see how the first session goes and that if it goes well, we not set up a scheduled session since I thought the interest would tend to wane but that we provide briefings on topics which generate substantial interest. They agreed.

17. [] LIAISON Called Chuck Meissner, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, to determine the background of the statement in Jack Anderson's 23 March 1976 column that the Agency had provided the Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations, Senate Foreign Relations Committee []

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5. (Internal Use Only - RLB) LEGISLATION Met with Tom Smeeton and Everett Bierman, on the staff of the House International Relations Committee, regarding Senator William W. Proxmire's (D., Wis.) "gift" amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1977. I discussed with Messrs. Smeeton and Bierman the problems the Agency had with the provision in terms of collection and covert operations activities and left with them a copy of our fact sheet and suggested remedial language. They were receptive to these concerns and promised to assist us in making sure that the provision was kept out of the House version of the bill.

Stopped by to see Mr. Jon Holstine, on the Minority Staff of the Subcommittee on International Operations, House International Relations Committee. I informed him briefly of our concerns regarding Senator William W. Proxmire's (D., Wis.) "gift" amendment and left with him a copy of our fact sheet.

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Peter Abbruzzese, House International Relations Committee staff, I told him that the Agency was very concerned about Senator Proxmire's "gift" amendment and that I would like to discuss with him in person the problems with the amendment. Mr. Abbruzzese said that he probably could sympathize with our concerns and would assist us in our efforts to keep the provision out of the House version of the State Department Authorizations bill. Mr. Abbruzzese was not in his office when I attempted to deliver a copy of our fact sheet and I left word that I would be back in touch with him on April 5.

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6. (Unclassified - THW) BRIEFING I accompanied [redacted] OCI, and [redacted] OSR, to a briefing of Representative Stephen J. Solarz (R., N.Y.) in his office on the balance of strategic and conventional forces in Europe. Representative Solarz appeared well read in on the subject matter.

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7. (Unclassified - THW) BRIEFING I accompanied [redacted] OCI, and [redacted] OSR, to a briefing of Representative William Broomfield (R., Mich.) in his office on the subject of the balance of forces with respect to the U.S. and the USSR. I also gave Representative Broomfield a copy of our fact sheet on Senator William W. Proxmire's (D., Wis.) amendment concerning "gifts" and gave him background regarding the amendment's importance to the Agency.

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X1 8. [] LIAISON Received a call from Mike Finley, on the staff of the Subcommittee on International Political and Military Affairs, House International Relations Committee, who told me that they discovered what looked like a typical transistor battery in his office but they had asked the FBI to check it out just to be sure. He asked if our Security technician had noticed this the other day when he conducted a sweep of the room. I said I would check and be back in touch with him.

X1 9. [] LIAISON Called Jack Sapp, on the Senate Rules Committee staff, to inform him that I could not have a transcript of the Director's 31 March statement on S. Res. 400 to him before the first of next week.

X1 10. [] LIAISON Called Larry Smith, on the Senate Rules Committee staff, in response to his call to Mr. Cary. Smith agreed that the Director had made clear his desire for concentrated, exclusive oversight, but that in light of the tug-of-war going on in the Rules Committee now over S. Res. 400, that principle might be sacrificed to political expediency. Smith thought that our interest in this regard should be reiterated through a letter to Senator Howard Cannon (D., Nev.), Chairman of the Committee.

X1 11. [] LEGISLATION Hilda Schreiber, OMB, called to alert me that an enrolled bill (H.R. 8617) would be forwarded to the Agency this afternoon. She said there was particular urgency on this bill and asked that the Agency send her at least an advance copy by noon on Monday.

X1 12. [] LEGISLATION Called George Gilbert, OMB, alerting him to Senator William Proxmire's (D., Wis.) amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act limiting gifts to foreigners. I told him we were working in the House International Relations Committee to insure that the House does not adopt such an amendment. Gilbert said he would focus on the problem, and later called back to tell me that he was jogging the State Department to take an active stand against the provision.

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4. (Unclassified - THW) LIAISON I spoke with Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House International Relations Committee, regarding the hearing before Chairman Jonathan B. Bingham's (D., N.Y.) Subcommittee on International Trade and Foreign Commerce, House International Relations Committee, and asked him if the Chairman of the Committee, Representative Thomas E. Morgan (D., Pa.) had any problems with our appearing in front of the Subcommittee. He said Chairman Morgan had no problem as long as the Subcommittee did not get into operational questions, but from what we had told him this did not appear to be the case.

5. (Unclassified - THW) HEARING I spoke with Victor Johnson, on the staff of the Subcommittee on International Trade and Commerce, House International Relations Committee, and gave him the names of Agency personnel to appear at the hearing and requested that the Agency participants appear separately from other Executive Branch agencies. He said he would check with the Chairman of the Subcommittee, Representative Jonathan B. Bingham (D., N.Y.), and thought this could be arranged. The hearing has been rescheduled for April 13 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2200, Rayburn House Office Building. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

6. (Unclassified - THW) BRIEFING I spoke with Mary Ann Albertson, on the staff of Senator Dick Clark (D., Iowa), and confirmed the briefing for 8 April at 0830 hours and told her that we planned to conduct the briefing as an informal panel discussion. I asked her to be sure the room for the hearing was open at 0745 hours in order to perform necessary security checks.

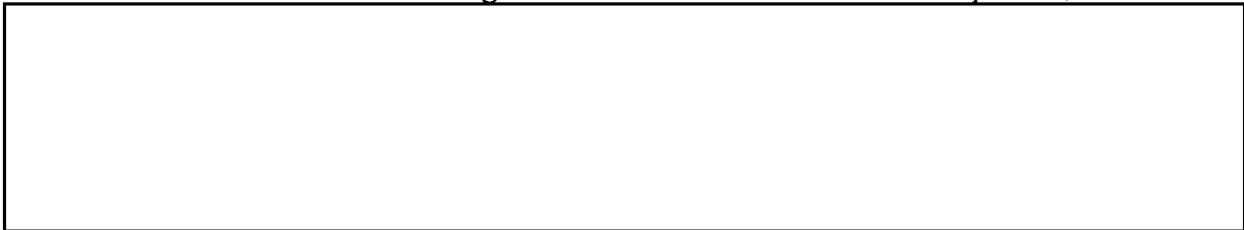
7. (Unclassified - RJK) LIAISON Received a call from Mr. Sam Sehnert, on the staff of Senator Thomas F. Eagleton (D., Mo.). He was wondering why the FBIS Daily Report for the People's Republic of China had stopped coming to his office. After checking, I told him that it had been done at the request of another member of the Senator's staff and that we would be happy to begin sending it to him again. He asked that we do so. FBIS Liaison has been advised.

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8. (Internal Use Only - RJK) LIAISON Holmes Brown, on the staff of Senator Floyd K. Haskell (D., Colo.), called to say that the Senator will be travelling to the Middle East with a departure of



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provide the Senator with a copy of the Agency atlas entitled "Issues in the Middle East."

9. (Internal Use Only - RLB) LEGISLATION Met separately with Messrs. Peter Abbruzzese, Al Westphal, and Tom Smeeton, all on the House International Relations Committee staff, to discuss strategy on Senator William W. Proxmire's (D., Wis.) "gift" amendment and how best to go about ensuring that the provision is kept out of the House version of the State Department Authorizations bill. Messrs. Abbruzzese and Westphal requested that I provide them with unclassified versions of our fact sheet on this amendment for distribution to members of the full Committee and members of the Subcommittee on International Operations. Mr. Smeeton talked with Jon Holstine, the Minority Staff consultant for the Subcommittee, to see if Mr. Holstine could arrange for me to meet with Representative John H. Buchanan (R., Ala.) tomorrow to make him aware of our concerns.

10. (Unclassified - RLB) ADMINISTRATIVE - DELIVERIES Delivered correspondence to Mr. John Childers, Minority Counsel, Senate Government Operations Committee, for 

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11. (Unclassified - NDL) LIAISON Took a call from Pam Snyder, on the staff of Representative J. Kenneth Robinson (R., Va.), who said that she had a constituent inquiry regarding the Agency's use of missionaries and wondered if we could help her with a reply. I told her we could send her a copy of the Director's statement on the subject. She said that would be fine. A copy has been forwarded to her.

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17. [] BRIEFING Mike Van Dusen, Subcommittee on Investigations, House International Relations Committee staff, called to request another briefing on the Middle East for the Subcommittee, this time focusing on Lebanon and Syria. He also said that Representative Michael Harrington (D., Mass.) may want to pursue the matter of the Agency's briefing of the American Institute on Astronautics and Aeronautics group on the nuclear capability of the Israelis. I told Van Dusen I did not think this was an appropriate forum to examine this issue, that the briefers would not have firsthand knowledge and that we believe we would have to stand by Mr. Bush's public statement. This was perfectly acceptable to Van Dusen and he thought Chairman Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.) would support this position. Subsequently, I called Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House International Relations Committee, and discussed this matter. We will try to arrange the briefing for early next week.

18. [] LIAISON In the absence of Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, spoke with Ted Lunger, of the Committee staff, and he informed me of the Republican members of the Committee who had accompanied Representative Samuel Stratton (D., N. Y.) to visit the Soviet naval facility at Berbera last summer and the unanimous conclusions the delegation had reached. Lunger will also pass on to Slatinshek the plans of the Director to brief the House Republican Conference, at their request, on the Cuban presence in Africa. He will also mention to Slatinshek that the Agency has informed the House Democratic Caucus that we are available for such briefings.

19. [] LIAISON Called George Murphy, Executive Director, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and informed him that the final portion of documents under Agency control requested in Senator Howard Baker's (R., Tenn.) 25 March 1976 letter would be in his hands tomorrow morning.

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